

**657—7.10 (124,155A) Ensuring rational drug therapy.** An important aspect of pharmaceutical services is that of maximizing rational drug use. Policies and procedures for ensuring the quality of drug therapy shall be established pursuant to rule 657—8.3(155A).

**7.10(1) *Patient profile.*** Sufficient patient information shall be collected, maintained, and reviewed by the pharmacist to ensure meaningful and effective participation in patient care. This requires that a drug profile be maintained for each patient receiving care at the hospital. A pharmacist-conducted drug history from patients may be useful in this regard.

*a.* Appropriate clinical information about patients shall be available and accessible to the pharmacist for use in daily practice.

*b.* The pharmacist shall review each patient's current drug regimen and directly communicate any suggested changes to the prescriber.

**7.10(2) *Adverse drug events.*** Established policies and procedures shall include a mechanism for the reporting and review, by the committee or other appropriate medical group, of adverse drug events. The pharmacist shall be informed of all reported adverse drug events occurring in the facility. Adverse drug events include but need not be limited to adverse drug reactions and medication errors.

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